

Dr. Eugene W. Thompson

Eugene W. (Gene) Thompson was born and raised in Detroit, Michigan, where he attended the Detroit Public Schools. He was active in leadership roles throughout his adolescent and teen years as a high school athlete, Boy Scout and church youth leader.

After graduating from Western Michigan University with a B.A. in elementary education he began his career in the Detroit suburbs as a fourth grade teacher. Following completion of his master's degree at the University of Michigan, he was promoted to elementary school principal. After obtaining his doctorate from Western Michigan University he moved to key leadership

roles including: Director of Curriculum, Director of Evaluation and School District Superintendent in Alaska, Alabama, Indiana, and Michigan. He has also served as a University Administrator and professor at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, Bowling Green State University and Western Michigan University.



During his career, Thompson was recognized as “One of the Top 100 School Executives in America”, by The Executive Educator, for his work leading the quality development program of the Manchester Community Schools. He was recommended for this award by the President of his board.

While serving as a university professor, Thompson formed a consulting company known as Leadership, Evaluation and Training Services Group. He has worked for the United States Department of State and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, providing assistance to schools throughout Latin America and Thailand. His work on behalf of American Overseas Schools continues.

He and his wife Sandra McConnell, Ph.D. live in Prescott with their three horses. Since moving to Arizona he has been active in the political arena, served as a church deacon, plays on a senior league softball team and is in the process of studying to become a Registered Financial Planner. His hobbies include skiing, riding his horses, photography and reading. He and his wife are parents of four adult children and have four grandchildren.